



**RELEASE:** IMMEDIATE

**Contact:** Jennifer Pickett  
(804) 786-7432  
Jennifer.Pickett@drpt.virginia.gov

## **Final Projects to Be Identified for Rail Enhancement Funding Rail Advisory Board to Issue Recommendation at Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**RICHMOND, Va., November 10, 2005**— The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will present a proposed final list of projects for funding through the Rail Enhancement Fund at the November 30, 2005 meeting of the Rail Advisory Board (RAB).

During this meeting, the RAB will review the proposed final list and issue a recommendation that DRPT seek approval from the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for a package of specific projects.

DRPT will seek approval of the final package of rail improvement projects at the CTB's December 15, 2005 meeting. These projects will provide improvements for both passenger and freight rail in Virginia.

Applications for funding were accepted from September 20, 2005 through October 21, 2005. To view a summary of these applications, visit <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/projects/current/rail-fund.aspx>. The next application period is tentatively scheduled for spring 2006.

The Rail Advisory Board meeting is scheduled as follows:

**November 30, 2005  
Science Museum of Virginia  
2500 W. Broad St.  
Richmond, VA 23220  
Forum Room  
10:00 am**

### **About the Rail Enhancement Fund**

The Rail Enhancement Fund was advanced by Governor Warner with bipartisan support in the 2005 General Assembly session. Enacted on July 1, 2005, it provides approximately \$23 million in annual, dedicated funding for passenger or freight rail improvements in Virginia. Each project requires a minimum 30% match and proof of public benefits.

More information about the Rail Enhancement Fund and the Rail Advisory Board is available online at [www.drpt.virginia.gov/projects/current/rail-fund.aspx](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/projects/current/rail-fund.aspx)

(more)

## About DRPT

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) facilitates the movement of people and goods throughout Virginia. DRPT operates through three main areas of activity- rail, public transportation and commuter services- that promote congestion relief, economic development and mobility. We help people and businesses find the smartest distance between two points. Visit us at [www.drpt.virginia.gov](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov).

# # #